

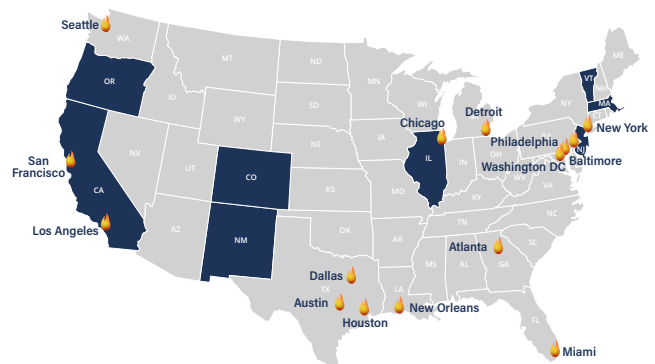


# The **Protecting American Lives** Act

## BACKGROUND:

- "Sanctuary City" is a term given to any city, locality, or state that has policies designed to protect and shelter illegal immigrants, including those that committed additional crimes since entering the U.S.
  - These jurisdictions do not allow municipal funds or resources to be used to enforce federal immigration law.
  - This includes not allowing police or municipal employees to inquire about an individual's immigration status or not allowing police to work with federal officers on immigration.
- A "detainer" is a document by which Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) informs another law enforcement agency of its interest in an illegal immigrant.
  - A detainer tells the local law enforcement agency to hold the illegal immigrant until ICE can take custody and ultimately deport the illegal immigrant.
- The problem of sanctuary jurisdictions is getting worse each year as more cities release criminal illegal immigrants back onto our streets.
  - Since October 2018, 50 criminal illegal immigrants commit a crime, are arrested by local law enforcement, and then released back in the community every single day.

## Major Sanctuary States & Cities in the U.S.



|                          | FY2018        | FY2019*       |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Detainers Issued         | 177,147       | 79,198        |
| <b>Detainers Ignored</b> | <b>17,076</b> | <b>9,104</b>  |
| Percentage Increase      | <b>↑9%</b>    | <b>↑11.5%</b> |

\*FY2019 YTD is as of 03/23/2019

## PROTECTING AMERICAN LIVES ACT:

- Introduced by Congressman Lance Gooden (R-TX) on May 23, 2019
- Clearly defines sanctuary jurisdictions and prohibits sanctuary policies that violate federal law
- Prohibits federal law enforcement funds from going to states and cities that do not comply with detainer requests
- Requires state and local jurisdictions to comply with ICE detainers
- Provides protections for law enforcement officers that comply with an ICE detainer in case they are later sued by an illegal immigrant
- Makes it illegal for a state or local government to fire or discriminate against one of its law enforcement officers for following federal law
- Increases the minimum mandatory prison sentence for illegal re-entry from two years to five years

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## Current Sanctuary City Legislation in the House of Representatives:

|   | Requires state and local jurisdictions to comply with ICE detainers | Increases data sharing with the federal government | Clearly defines sanctuary jurisdictions | Denies targeted federal funds to sanctuary cities | Protects Law Enforcement Officers that follow the law | Increases mandatory sentences for illegal immigrants re-entering the country |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| Ending Sanctuary Cities Act             | ✓   |  | ✓                                       |   | ✓   |  |
| Mobilizing Against Sanctuary Cities Act | ✓   | ✓  |   |   |   |  |
| No Sanctuary for Criminals Act          | ✓   | ✓  | ✓                                       | ✓   |   |  |
| Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities Act     | ✓   |  | ✓                                       | ✓   | ✓   |  |
| Protecting American Lives Act           | ✓   | ✓  | ✓                                       | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  |



Congressman Lance Gooden (R-TX)

## The **Protecting American Lives** Act

- Targeted ban on federal funding for sanctuary cities
- Protects American citizens from violent criminals
- Requires rogue cities to ENFORCE THE LAW

CONGRESSMAN LANCE GOODEN

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